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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/724,755

Filing Date: November 28, 2000

First Named Inventor: H. Michael WENZ

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: J. Fredman

Attorney Docket Number: 7414.0020-03000

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 11, 2002.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) **09/16/2003 AMONDAF1 00000057 09724755 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP**
- ii. ☒ Petition for Four Month Extension of Time \$1,450.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$2,200.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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In re Application of:)
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For: METHODS FOR DETECTING)
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING)
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AMENDMENT

Applicant now responds further to the Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, (September Final Action) and the Advisory Action mailed January 10, 2003 (Advisory Action). Applicant filed an Amendment After Final on December 11, 2002. A Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time (three months) was filed on March 11, 2003. The period for filing an appeal brief has been extended four months by the Petition for Four Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Please enter the following amendments:

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